



# Narberth Presbyterian Church

August 10, 2025

# LORD'S DAY OF CELEBRATION

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Prelude

*I Lift My Eyes to the Quiet Hills*

Linda Pilacik, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Debbie

Call to Worship

Psalm 108:1-6

Claire Woods

Opening Prayer

Pastor Mark

Hymn #320

*Come, Let Us Praise the Lord*

*Darwall*

Scripture Reading

Psalm 136:1-9

Rob Wray

Prayer of Confession

Jan Kennedy

Father, we confess our tendency to dwell on the negative events, emotions, and experiences in our lives rather than seeing your good hand on us in all things. We confess the tendency to be ungrateful if all does not proceed according to our plan without considering you may have a better way for us. Please help us to see more and more your steadfast love in our lives, even when life is hard. Amen.

**Silent Prayer & Assurance of Pardon**

*Thank you, Lord, for your goodness and steadfast love for us. Thank you that what others mean for evil, you mean for our good. Thank you for forgiving our ungrateful hearts and showing us with your goodness. Amen.*

The Peace

Worship Songs

*The Joy of the Lord*

*Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me*

*Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

NPC Worship Band

*Children & Youth dismissed to Sunday School*

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Debbie

Passing of Friendship Pads & Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*As It Was*

*Pappas*

Dean Pappas, vocals & guitar

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Message	<b>Giving Thanks Instead of Giving Up</b> Sermon Scripture: Psalm 136:1-26	Pastor Mark
Hymn #49	<i>Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above</i>	<i>Amsterdam</i>
Benediction Prayer		Pastor Mark
Postlude	<i>At Calvary/Leaning on the Everlasting Arms</i> Linda Pilacik, piano	
Prayer Ministry		Jan Kennedy

**NPC’s Volunteer Fair** – Mark your calendar for NPC’s 4<sup>th</sup> annual Volunteer fair taking place on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> in the gym. Come out to see all the many Ministry Areas of NPC and find out how you can get involved! Snacks and Drinks provided! Please contact Sara Mahoney (smahoney@narberthpres.org) for more information.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Board Game Nights at NPC** – Mark your calendar and get your “game” face on! Join us for fun, fellowship and board games on **Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30pm!** Bring a snack to share and your favorite board game. Children are welcome but must remain in the Parlor for games. Please reach out to Danielle (dkauffman@narberthpres.org) with any questions.

**August Films for Wednesday Nights!** The next 2 Wednesdays, from 7:00 – 9:00pm in the Chapel, we will enjoy snacks, cool drinks, and movies that will get us thinking: life’s dangers, toils and snares, and what it means to be part of the church, the Body of Christ in this time. There is no charge, and everyone is invited!

**8/13 Noble:** The film portrays Christina Noble’s challenging childhood in Ireland, marked by poverty, abuse, and institutionalization, and her journey to Vietnam where she established the Christina Noble Children’s Foundation. A truly inspiring story that continues to unfold today!

**8/20 All Saints:** Pastor Michael Spurlock, is sent to close a struggling church, All Saints Episcopal, in Smyrna, Tennessee. God had other plans for the church, involving Burmese refugees who arrive seeking help, and together they transform the church property into a farm to both sustain the community and save the church.

**Women’s & Men’s Bible Study:** The Men’s Bible Study will take a break until September. Stay tuned for details of their new study, starting in the fall. The Women’s Bible Study will continue to meet on Thursdays from 7:00 – 8:15pm in the Parlor. All are welcome!

**For More Information:** Women Contact Lalitha Naveen (lnaveen100@gmail.com); Men contact Ken Eng (K\_Eng@msn.com) or Tim Neilson (mytn1122@gmail.com).

**Notes from Justice and Mercy:** Our newest Justice and Mercy Advocate is Clara Louie working in the area of safe and compassionate refugee resettlement. In April, Clara led a Prayer Vigil at NPC for refugees which was both educational and inspirational. Participants were encouraged to pray, learn and share their resources in helping those most vulnerable. Two concrete ways to be involved are to attend a weekly inter-faith prayer vigil outside Merion Friends Meeting (615 Montgomery Ave.) from 10:00 – 11:00am on Saturdays to peacefully call for humane treatment of immigrants in our country. Two NPC folks have already been attending. Another way is to help an Afghan family of 6, who have moved temporarily to Havertown. They can use support and referrals in finding jobs and rental housing. The husband served as an interpreter with the USA coalition in Afghanistan. They have three school-aged girls and a 6-month-old baby. Anyone in the congregation who would like to come around this family as a welcome and support circle, and for leads in jobs and housing would be appreciated. Contact Clara (Claralouie@yahoo.com) for more information or with resources to share.

## PRAYER INFORMATION

### Please Remember in Prayer

**Missions: Wycliffe Bible Translators (Al Shannon)** Al and Barb Shannon served with Wycliffe in Peru, and were instrumental in bringing audio Bibles to the people there. 63 years ago, they were involved in starting a bilingual school and an agricultural project. Over 10 years ago, at the opening of a Quechua Bible Institute, Al was overjoyed to find that one of the institute's leaders had been the first believer in that area. Many years before, they had worked together in his village, where most of the people now are Christians!

Al is now in his 90's, and lives in Waxhaw, South Carolina. Barb has passed away. Their son Toby and wife Sara work with the Commission to Every Nation, dividing their time between Maine and Peru. You may send a word of encouragement to Al at [Al-barb\\_shannon@wycliffe.org](mailto:Al-barb_shannon@wycliffe.org)

## OLNEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL – SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

We are collecting new school supplies to support the children at the Olney Christian School (NPC Mission Cause). Items can be left in the boxes labeled at each entrance of the church through Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Ann Sadel (aks314@hotmail.com) with any questions.

### **Olney Christian School Wish List**

Packs of pencils  
Large erasers  
Kid scissors  
Glue sticks  
24-count boxes of crayons  
Packs of colored pencils  
Dry-erase markers, thick or thin  
Folders  
Composition books  
Boxes of tissues  
Clorox or Lysol wipes  
Packs of color markers  
Highlighters  
Spiral bound notebooks with perforated pages  
Packs of watercolor paints with brush  
Rulers  
Packs of loose lined papers  
2” and 1” thick binders  
Pencil sharpeners

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: CHILDREN

**Bible & Bingo** – Join us in Sunday School this August for a favorite Bible story and a game of Bingo! And prizes! The fun begins Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Children singing at The Mansion at Rosemont** – All children are invited to sing our favorite Sunday School songs with the residents at Rosemont on Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:00pm.

**Pencil-Palooza** – All families are encouraged to attend a fun event with a point on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> directly following worship in the gym. Journey to pencil-themed stations, collect Pencil Prayer Prompts, enjoy food and have fun! Please RSVP to Danielle ([dkauffman@narberthpres.org](mailto:dkauffman@narberthpres.org)) by August 25<sup>th</sup>. You won't want to miss it!

**Blessing of Students and Educators** – On Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> we will bless all students and educators at the front-part of worship. This is a very meaningful time as we begin a new school year and program year at NPC.

## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY NEWS: YOUTH

**High School Sunday School** – HS Sunday School meets each Sunday (except the first Sunday of the month) in the Youth Room. All rising 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to join us.

**Middle School Sunday School** will be spending the month of August in the book of Judges! Come and explore the stories of Judges from the Old Testament! See you there!

**Middle School Open Gym Night at NPC** – Come cool off in the NPC gym for open gym on **Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:00pm!** Bring a basketball and your game. Snacks and drinks provided! RSVP to Claire ([cwoods@narberthpres.org](mailto:cwoods@narberthpres.org)).

# BUILDING DISCIPLES IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

## ***Sunday, August 10***

8:15am Adult Sunday School, parlor

9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream

## ***Monday, August 11***

8:00pm Overeaters Anonymous, Parlor

## ***Tuesday, August 12***

12:15 – 1:15pm Staff Meeting, Parlor

2:00pm NPC Children's Ministry visit to The Mansion @ Rosemont

## ***Wednesday, August 13***

7:00 – 8:00pm Movie Night, Chapel

## ***Thursday, August 14***

7:00 – 8:15pm Women's Bible Study, Parlor

6:00 – 7:00pm Middle School Open Gym Night

## ***Friday, August 15***

10:00am – 12:00pm Ladies Bible Study, Parlor

6:30pm Board Game Night, Parlor

## ***Saturday, August 16***

## ***Sunday, August 17***

8:15am Adult Sunday School, Parlor

9:30am **Worship Service** In-person and live-stream.

## ***Each Week***

**Christian Preschool** – 610-664-8890 x118

2, 3 & 5 Day Programs 9:00am to 12 noon & 12 noon to 3:00pm Extended Day Program, Sept.-May

**AA** meets 12:30pm, Monday–Saturday & Sunday at 4:30pm

**Counseling:** Dr. Janet Moore: cell: 484-686-6630 email: [jlmpsych910@gmail.com](mailto:jlmpsych910@gmail.com)

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Matt Weed, Worship Tech. Coordinator

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